

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Canceled)
5. (Canceled)
6. (Currently Amended) A disposable cover for a patient bed hand control box having a cord extending from a body thereof and which is adapted to be used by a person on a bed, said disposable cover comprising:

a pair of panels each having two side edges, a top edge and a bottom edge, the side and bottom edges of the panels being coupled together to form a cavity therebetween sized to closely receive said patient bed hand control box body therein, the panels defining an opening adjacent the [at their] top edges adapted to receive said patient bed hand control box body therethrough and into the cavity with said cord thereof extending out of the opening;

one of the panels having an extending flap portion above the opening to the top edge of that panel, the flap portion being sized to fold over the cover opening and into overlapping relationship with a confronting portion of the other panel, the flap portion having

a perforated line extending downwardly from the top edge whereby to define two ears on opposite sides thereof, wherein the ears may be separated from each other by tearing along the perforated line and wrapped around said cord extending outwardly from said patient bed hand control box; and

adhesive associated with the extending flap portion and positioned to hold to the confronting portion of the other panel when the flap portion is folded over whereby to secure [means associated with one of the panels for securing] the panels together at the opening with said cord of said patient bed hand control box extending out from between the panels.

7. (Currently Amended) The cover of claim 6, the adhesive [securing means] being [defined by adhesive] on a surface of the flap portion [one of the panels].

8. (Original) The cover of claim 7 further comprising removable tape overlying the adhesive.

9. (Currently Amended) The cover of claim 6, the perforated line extending to the opening [one of the panels having an extending flap portion sized to fold over the cover opening and into overlapping relationship with a portion of the other panel].

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) The [A] disposable cover of claim 6 [for a patient bed hand control box for use in a hospital, said cover comprising:

a first panel having two side edges, a top edge and a bottom edge;

a second panel having two side edges, a top edge and a bottom edge, said] the [second panel] panels being joined along said side edges and bottom edges [to said first panel to form a cavity therebetween adapted to receive said patient bed hand control box; said second panel having a perforated line extending downwardly from said top edge of said second panel which defines two ears on opposite sides thereof;

wherein said ears may be separated from each other by tearing along said perforated line and wrapped around a cord extending outwardly from said patient bed hand control box].

14. (Currently Amended) The cover of claim 6 [13] wherein said cover is made of plastic.

15. (Original) The cover of claim 14 wherein said cover is made of polyethylene.

16. (Original) The cover of claim 15 wherein said cover is made of low density polyethylene.

17. (Currently Amended) The cover of claim 6 [13] wherein said cover has a notch therein through which a user may adjust a volume control of said patient bed hand control box.

18. (Original) The cover of claim 17 wherein said notch has a shape in the form of a half-moon.

19. (Currently Amended) The cover of claim 6 [13] wherein the [each of said ears has] adhesive extends across the perforated line [thereon covered by tape wherein the tape may be removed and the adhesive of the ear secured to a first surface of the first panel, thereby securing the ear to the first panel].

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27. (Currently Amended) A disposable plastic cover for a patient bed hand control box for use in a hospital, said cover comprising:

a generally rectangular first panel having two side edges, a top edge and a bottom edge;

a generally rectangular second panel having two side edges, a top edge and a bottom edge, said panels being joined along said side and bottom edges to form a cavity

therebetween adapted to receive a body of said patient bed hand control box, said second panel being taller than said first panel such that said second panel defines a flap portion extending above said top edge of said first panel;

said second panel having a perforated line extending downwardly from said top edge of said second panel along said flap portion which defines two ears on opposite sides thereof;

adhesive secured to each of said ears;

tape covering said adhesive on each of said ears;

wherein said body of said patient bed hand control box may be secured in said cavity of said cover by separating said ears along said perforated line, removing said tape and adhesively securing said ears to said first panel such that a cord extending outwardly from said body of said patient bed hand control box extends between said ears.

28. (Original) The cover of claim 27 wherein said cover is made of polyethylene.

29. (Original) The cover of claim 28 wherein said cover is made of low density polyethylene.

30. (Original) The cover of claim 27 wherein said cover has a notch therein through which a user may adjust a volume control of said patient bed hand control box.

31. (Original) The cover of claim 30 wherein said notch has a shape in the form of a half-moon.

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